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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/26/2007

SPONSOR Rawson LAST UPDATED 1/29/2007 HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Improve NMSU Nursing Education Program SB 38

ANALYST McOlash

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$440.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB 107.

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Acts (HB 7 and SB 2.)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

New Mexico State University – School of Nursing (NMSU-N)

Health Policy Commission (HPC)

Board of Nursing (BN)

Department of Health (DOH)

Higher Education Department (HED)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 38 appropriates \$440,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of NMSU in FY 2008 “to improve the nursing education program.”

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$440,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY 2008 shall revert to the General Fund.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

NMSU – N indicates the request will increase funds to support education of professional nurses at BSN entry level, RN to BSN, and graduate nursing levels, including a Ph.D. program to address the recognized nursing shortage throughout the state/region.

The proposal of \$440,000 was submitted to the New Mexico Higher Education Department by NMSU and was included in the Department’s funding recommendation for FY08 in the amount of \$749,700 - an increase of \$300,000.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

Senate Bill 38 represents an untargeted response to the well documented nursing and nursing faculty shortage within the state and nation. NMSU–N specifies an increase funds will support education of professional nurses at BSN entry level, RN to BSN, and graduate nursing levels.

Neither Senate Bill 38 nor NMSU-N provides performance measure information or clear explanations about how these funds will be used.

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

House Bill 107 (NMSU Nursing Education Program) is a duplicate of Senate Bill 38 (Improve NMSU Nursing Education Program), except for the title.

The General Appropriation Acts (HB 7 and SB 2) include an appropriation of \$3.5 million for the Higher Education Enhancement Fund to address the state’s nursing shortage. The bills also include \$500,000 to provide supplemental compensation for nursing faculty and staff.

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

Senate Bill 38 and House Bill 107 are not duplicates since the titles differ.

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